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TAGS: SNAR, UN, AS

SUBJ: GOA PARTICIPATION IN FEBRUARY CND MEETING

REF: STATE 032246

1. EMBOFF REVIEWED OUTLOOK FOR FEB. 17-28 CND MEETING
IN FEB. 14 SESSION WITH HARVEY BATES, ASSISTANT
COMPTROLLER-GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.
MAIN POINTS OF DISCUSSION FOLLOW.

2. GOA VIEWS UPCOMING ND MEETING AS ROUTINE SESSION
AND HAS NO PARTICULAR INITIATIVES IN MIND.

3. GOA INTENTIONS RESPECTING CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC
COVERED IN SEPTEL.

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4. GOA POSITIONS FOR CND MEETING PARALLEL U.S. POSITIONS

OUTLINED PARAS 8 AND 9 REFTEL.

5. BATES VOLUNTEERED THAT US DEL CND MIGHT BE INTERESTED ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS IN KNOWING THAT GOA SOMEWHAT EMBARRASSED BY POSITION IT FINDS ITSELF IN RESPECTING RECOMMENDATION BY RECENT BANGKOK CONFERENCE TO ESTABLISH CND REGIONAL NARCOTICS LIAISON OFFICER IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. SEA COUNTRIES EXPECTED TO PRESS STRONGLY FOR DEISGNATION OF SENIOR AUSTRALIAN OFFICIAL IN THIS REGIONAL LIAISON OFFICER POSITION. THILE AUSTRALIA STRONGLY SUPPORTED PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH POSITION, IT IS UNABLE AT THIS TIME TO MAKE APPROPRIATE CANDIDATE AVAILABLE. IT FORESEES POSSIBILITY THIS QUESTION MAY ARISE AT LEAST INFORMALLY AT CND AND WILL REGRETFULLY HAVE TO MAINTAIN POSITION INDICATED.

6. GOA THREE-MAN DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY GORDON SHEEN, FIRST ASSISTANT COMPTROLLER-GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE. ALTERNATE REP DR. DAVID DESOUZA, FIRST ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL, GOA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. THIRD DELEGATE, R. MCINNIS, FIRST SECRETARY, GOA PERM DEL GENEVA.

7. SHEEN IS VETERAN CUSTOMS AND EXCISE CAREER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF IMPORTS/EXPORTS DIVISION AND WITH LONG EXPERIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS QUESTIONS. HE LED GOA DELEGATION AT VIENNA CONFERENCE ON PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS. HIS MAJOR FIELD IS ENFORCEMENT. DR. DESOUZA IS MAKING FIRST APPEARANCE IN INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS MEETINGS. HE IS PHYSICIAN WITH PRIMARY INTEREST IN TREATMENT, EDUCATIONAL AND WELFARE ASPECTS OF NARCOTICS PROBLEM AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THERAPEUTIC DIVISION IN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. MCINNIS IS NEWLY-ASSIGNED DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICER IN GENEVA WITH NO SPECIAL BACKGROUND IN NARCOTICS MATTERS. HARROP

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